

INSPECTORS CONVICTED

Four of N. Y. Police Department Are Found Guilty

CASE WENT TO JURY YESTERDAY

Were Charged with Obstructing Justice in Keeping Witness Away

New York, May 7.—Ex-Inspectors James F. Thompson, James E. Hussey, John J. Murtha and Dennis Sweeney, who have been on trial here charged with conspiracy to obstruct justice, were convicted by a jury in the supreme court here last night.

Only 38 minutes was taken by the jurors in which to reach their verdict that the defendants were guilty of a misdemeanor in plotting to keep a prospective witness against the "system" from making graft disclosures before the grand jury.

The accused officials stood outwardly unmoved as they heard the verdict. The crowd in the court room, however, created a disturbance, shuffling chairs and feet until attendants checked the disorder. The prisoners gave their pedigrees and after being returned to their cells. Friday they were returned to their cells. Their counsel announced that a certificate of reasonable doubt will be sought, which would give the prisoners a chance to go free on bail pending efforts to secure a new trial.

The penalty for obstruction of justice is one year in jail or a fine of \$500, or both. It was reported that the jury required only one ballot to reach its decision.

An attorney for the defense declared the verdict was "a shock" and the briefness of the jury's deliberations "a surprise." Another of the prisoners' lawyers said no other verdict was expected. "The atmosphere of the city of New York is surcharged at the present time with a determination to convict," he said.

The conviction of Thompson, Hussey, Murtha and Sweeney is regarded by Mr. Whitman as the most important yet secured in connection with his exposure of the police "system" that was shown to link law enforcers with the city's underworld when Becker, the police lieutenant, hired the four gunmen to murder Herman Rosenthal, the gambler, last summer.

The men were on trial seven court days. District Attorney Whitman and his assistants brought evidence to show that the four plotted to buy the silence of George A. Sipp, a resort keeper, through bribing him to flee the state last December. At that time the prosecutor was attacking the police "system" through graft disclosures made by Sipp and other witnesses before the Aldermanic committee that was investigating the police department. For a period of years Sipp made monthly payments to the police for protection for his resort, he had told the committee. Before Mr. Whitman had a chance to get Sipp to repeat this testimony before the grand jury, the hotel man took flight.

Upon being returned to the court's jurisdiction, it developed that he had been bribed with \$2,000 to leave. Sipp, so stated and the prosecutor's inquiry into his story resulted in the joint indictment of the defendants, then inspectors.

During the course of the trial the state introduced evidence tending to show that graft payments by Sipp reached the defendants, who in turn commanded the Harlem district, where Sipp's hotel was located. The tribute was collected for Thomas Walsh, who was captain of a Harlem precinct, and Walsh divided with the inspector above him, according to Walsh's own confession.

The amount of graft exacted was in dispute during the trial, but Mr. Whitman in summing up yesterday afternoon stated it was \$42,000 a year in Walsh's precinct alone. Walsh and Sipp were the state's chief witnesses.

The prosecution contended further in the trial that because the Sipp fund, a bribe fund sum of \$15,000 was planned by the defendants to furnish bail for Eugene Fox, a policeman, and to provide for his family if he went to jail without "squealing." Fox awaits sentence for bribery as Walsh's graft collector, his confession terminating the necessity of a fund by the "system" to insure his silence.

The final plea for the acquittal of the accused was made by John B. Stanchfield, dean of the battery of expensive attorneys, which has buttressed the defendants. While Mr. Stanchfield made a special argument in behalf of his client, Thompson, he included in his speech of an hour and three-quarters, a resume of all the points which the entire defense has brought out.

Mr. Whitman attempted no oratory, but merely indulged in a plain, matter-of-fact statement of the evidence given, and which appears to have made the chances of escape for the erstwhile rulers of the Harlem police very slim.

Following the district attorney's final presentation of the people's case, Justice Seabury charged the jury.

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evidence to show that Murtha was concerned in the alleged conspiracy to keep Witness Sipp out of the state. Murtha, so far as the testimony went, never consulted with any of the other defendants, with Sipp, or Fox, or Rouse concerning the matter, said the lawyer, and argued that no evidence had been adduced on which to convict his client, and he asked that he be acquitted.

ALIEN LAND BILL TEST DEMANDED IN HOUSE

Resolution Calls on the State Department to Take Some Action.

Washington, May 7.—A resolution proposing that the department of state and the attorney general procure a test in the courts of the California anti-alien land law was introduced in the House yesterday by Representative Britten, an Illinois Republican. He proposed that the House judiciary committee report such a resolution to the House.

"Without a doubt California has exceeded its authority and gone beyond its rights in enacting this legislation," said Britten.

White House authorities refused to discuss the anti-alien land bill reported to have been passed by the Arizona legislature Monday. It was learned from another source, however, that information had reached certain of the president's advisers to the effect that the new law was merely the re-enactment of a law which had been on the Arizona statute books for several years.

It was said to be probable by persons who discussed the situation yesterday that no step would be taken by the national authorities until some protest had been entered by the Japanese government against the enactment in Arizona. It was pointed out that the administration did not interest itself in the California legislation until its attention had been directed to the pending bill by the Japanese ambassador.

Thus far no notice has been taken of the Arizona law by the Japanese ambassador.

NAIL AMERICAN FLAG ABOVE RED

Fire Department Then Rescues Men Trapped After Daring Act—Cheered by Thousands.

East Liverpool, O., May 7.—Cheered by thousands and later meeting with a unique situation, two men placed the American flag above the red flag of Socialism on a high building in which the Socialists have headquarters. Several days ago the Socialists hung their flag to the breeze, and the city authorities found that there was no law to haul it down. Protesters from the G. A. R. and Sons of Veterans caused a lively controversy.

Two men, one a law student and the other the owner of the building, ascended to the roof of the structure through a trap door, incidentally passing the headquarters of the Socialists. The American flag was nailed to the roof just above the red banner. A large crowd had collected. When the men attempted to leave the roof they found the trap door locked. From the edge of the building's roof the men notified the crowd below of their predicament. Within a moment an alarm of fire was sounded. The ladders of the department were used and the two men descended to the street.

OBSERVE "LANGLEY DAY" AT CAPITAL

Medals Given Glenn Curtiss and Gustave Eiffel by Smithsonian Institution.

Washington, May 7.—Presentation of gold medals to Glenn H. Curtiss, the aeroplane inventor and manufacturer, and by proxy, to Gustave Eiffel, the French scientist, was the program which marked the observance here yesterday of "Langley day" by the Smithsonian Institution.

On May 6, 1896, S. P. Langley, secretary of the Smithsonian, succeeded in making one of his model aeroplanes stay in the air for a considerable distance. It was the first heavier-than-air machine. Jeers and ridicule for his experiments hastened Langley's death. But the Wrights and others began where he left off and finally evolved the flying machine of to-day.

The program yesterday also included the unveiling of a tablet in Langley's honor. This afternoon special aeroplane flights will be made at the Washington barracks.

The gold medal awarded to Gustave Eiffel was received by the French ambassador.

URGE FEDERAL HEALTH BUREAU

President Wilson Seeks Time for Investigating Project Before Deciding.

Washington, May 7.—President Wilson was urged yesterday by a committee of the American Medical Association to call a general conference to discuss plans for a federal department of public health and everything pertaining to the conservation of human life and efficiency. Prof. Irving Fisher of Yale, Dr. John B. Murphy of Chicago, Dr. G. H. Simmons of Chicago, Dr. L. K. Frankle and Dr. Abram Jacobi of New York, Dr. Harvey W. Wiley, Senator Owen and Representative Curley of Massachusetts urged the idea.

Prof. Fisher, spokesman for the party, declared that the president had listened attentively and had expressed his keen appreciation of the necessity for public health legislation, but that until he was able to accumulate more information and make deeper study into the question involved, he would be unable to commit himself.

Senator Owen had a private talk with Mr. Wilson on currency reform, arranging for an early conference to get at length the president's views. Prof. Fisher of Yale, who is foremost among currency reform advocates, is likely to be consulted.

William Martin of Los Angeles, California representative of the Chinese-American League of Justice, brought the president's attention to what he termed humiliation suffered by Chinese when admitted to this country. He declared Chinese business men, students and scholars exempted from the exclusion laws, were not accorded courteous treatment when they arrived in California.

IN LOCAL MARKETS

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RICKER'S MARKET REPORTS.

Receipts of 660 Calves and 358 Hogs, and Other Smaller Receipts.

St. Johnsbury, May 7.—Receipts at W. A. Ricker's market for the week ending May 5 included:

Lamb—20, 3@5c. Hogs—358, 7 1/2@8c. Cattle—80, 3 1/2@6c. Calves—660, 3 1/2@7c. Milch cows—30, \$45@87c.

IN BOSTON MARKETS.

Butter Prices Decline, Egg Prices Firm, and Inclined Higher.

Boston, May 7.—Prices of butter are still on the decline, not only here, but in all of the important markets of the country. Receipts are still on the increase and with buyers operating cautiously, it is only by constantly revising prices downward that dealers are able to prevent burdensome accumulations. Prices are a cent a pound lower all around and the market is not very firm even at the new level.

No change is noted in the cheese market; demand is fairly good, but there is plenty of stock and prices cannot be altered. The egg market continues to clean up well and prices are very firm and inclined higher. Stocks in local cold storage are a good deal smaller than they were at this time last year and with the time at hand when eggs will begin to show weather defects, there naturally is a big demand for current arrivals, which are running good.

Butter—Fancy Northern creamery, tubs 31 1/2@32c, boxes 32 1/2@33c, prints 32 1/2@33c, fancy Western creamery, in tubs 31@31 1/2c, good to choice creamery 30@30 1/2c.

Cheese—New York twins, new, fancy 15@16c, fair to good 14@15c, old, fancy 18@18 1/2c, fair to good 16@17c. Young American, new 18@18 1/2c, old 19@19 1/2c, sage 19@19 1/2c.

Eggs—Fancy henry 25@26c, choice Eastern 24@25c, fresh Western, extras 23@24c, firsts 22@23c.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL CHILDREN ON STRIKE

Pupils in Cambridge, Mass., School Refuse to Attend Until Granted One Session Instead of Two.

Cambridge, Mass., May 7.—The young strike that ever took place in New England occurred at the Ellis Grammar school yesterday, when 200 pupils, ranging in age from eight to fourteen years, refused to take up their lessons until the school hours were rearranged.

They demanded one session instead of two and were willing to attend fifteen minutes extra on one session.

Not only did they prevent pupils from attending the Ellis school, but 100 marched to another school house and held up 20 or 30 about to enter there.

There was much shouting and cheering and the police were called on to subdue their ardor.

WOULD DIVIDE CALIFORNIA.

To Get Larger Representation in U. S. Senate Would Make Two States.

Sacramento, May 6.—A proposal to divide California at the Tehachan Pass, naming the northern half California and the remainder "South Cafeteria," is made in a resolution introduced in the Senate yesterday.

The resolution states that California is inadequately represented in the United States Senate compared with the New England states and that some means should be devised for giving its area additional senators.

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IN THE FIELD OF SPORTS

Nap Rucker has been a member of the Brooklyn Dodgers for six years. Edward McKeever, vice-president of the Brooklyn club, denied the rumor that President Ebbetts would retire from baseball this week. He could not ascertain how the story originated, but he was certain that Ebbetts would continue at the helm of the Dodgers.

Lefty Russell, whom Connie Mack received a few years ago from Baltimore, has turned infielder. Russell has been with the Allentown, Pa., club for the past year, being released by the Mackmen. He has decided that he can cover first base to good advantage and take a turn in the box.

Bobby Byrne, the Pittsburg third sacker, says that Joe Wood is afraid of hurting batsmen. This resulted from Wood hitting Byrne in the head at Hot Springs during the preliminary training. Many have predicted that Byrne would be the one affected, but now the latter boldly asserts that therein lies the reason for Wood's poor showing this spring.

Gilbert Horrax, the former Williams college athlete, who is now attending Johns Hopkins university, took a prominent part last Saturday in the South Atlanta intercollegiate meet at Baltimore when he won the pole vault and was third in the high and broad jumps.

George Gibson, the husky Pirate catcher, who broke his leg a few weeks ago, has gone to his home at London, Ont., to recuperate from the injury. His leg is now in a plaster paris cast, which will remain on the foot for five weeks longer. If the bone is not knitted at that time his foot will go back into the plaster paris cast again.

Charlie Dooin apparently has a little something on the other clubs in the National league. At present the Phillies are moving at a rapid clip and have a smooth working combination of pitchers. The pitchers are supported by an exceptionally strong hitting aggregation. It is reckoned that the addition of Eppa Rixey to the squad will greatly aid to their chances. Rixey is still a student at the University of Virginia.

George Stovall, manager of St. Louis American league club, was suspended for his conduct in the game last Saturday, had no defense to offer for the ruling. He said that he lost his head and was provoked at what he called an unjust ruling.

Harry Worthington of Exeter academy is the most promising youngster eligible to beat Al Guttererson's record in the broad jump, if that record is to be broken. Worthington is a consistent jumper over 23 feet and on many tries comes close to 24 feet. He was a member of the Olympic team last summer. He should greatly improve during his first years at college and may be placed within reaching distance of many records.

Lawson Robertson of the Irish A. C. of New York is figuring on a new combination that will break the present four mile relay record. He plans to bring together Hannes Kolehmainen, R. Hale, the Irish champion, who recently arrived in this country, Abel Keviat and Mel Sheppard. This group should be able to set aside the record if it ever will be.

Johnny McGraw, manager of the Giants, has a great liking for Burns, the recruit outfielder of the New York club. He says that Burns has more natural playing strength than any outfielder he ever knew. He does not infer that Burns is a Cobb or a Speaker, but that he is more proficient in all the things required of an outfielder. He is fast on the bases, has a clean throw and covers his territory in grand style.

Judging from the form being shown by Walter Johnson of the Senators, it would not be surprising if Griffith's big pet would set aside his pitching record to date. Johnson has so far proved invincible against every club he has been stacked against.

Dave Shean, who formerly played in the old Northern league, is wearing a Providence uniform this season. He is playing second base.

Chester Hoff, the young pitcher of the Highlanders, has been released from the Rochester International league club. He was released for lack of experience. Last season he was with the Highlanders for a brief stay under the wing of Wolverton.

Larry Gardner's batting average is due for a slump this week. Gardner has been hitting well over .300 all season, but his inability to hit this week is likely to drag it down a few notches.

One Clyman, the antiquated ball player of a checkered major league career, received from the American association, is having a new lease of life and playing wonderful ball.

Marsans, the right fielder of the Cincinnati Reds, was struck on the head by a batted ball from the bat of Mike Mitchell, of the Cubs at Chicago, on Sunday, and had to be carried off the field. Although his condition is not dangerous, it will be some time before he will be able to don a uniform for regular service.

The Hardwick A. C. is laying the groundwork for another baseball club to represent the town during the coming year. Prospects augur well for one of the best organizations that have ever been gathered in the Caledonian town. A schedule is in process, including games with both the clubs, Montpelier, the Cuban Stars, and various independent clubs throughout New England. Many of last year's players will again be seen in Hardwick uniforms.

After a poor start during the opening days of the National league New York took a lease of life and have established their bearings. The Boston series resulted in a clean sweep of five games, placing them well up at the head of the list.

Evidently Luther McCarthy means to make sure that his next appearance in the ring will not result in another setback. He has selected Frank Moran, the clumsy Pittsburg, in preference to Gunboat Smith. The match is nothing more than a money making affair for the white champion.

Baseball and football were the paying sports at Princeton during the past year, according to the last financial report of athletics at the college. The track team, the crew and basketball teams were run under slight losses.

Yesterday saw a change in the standing of the leaders of the American league. Philadelphia, which has been trailing in second place, jumped to the front when Washington dropped its first game of the season to Boston. It is an even bet that Philadelphia will not be dragged from its dizzy height again.

If the far West decides upon making an entry to the Hudson regatta this spring it will be the University of Washington crew that will be selected to represent that district by virtue of winning the Pacific coast intercollegiate regatta on Saturday. Of all the rowing institutions of the West, Washington is best fitted to come to the Hudson event as the Seattle collegians are well schooled in Eastern rowing methods.

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AMERICAN LEAGUE

No games were played yesterday in the American league.

Standing of the Clubs.

	Won.	Lost.	Pct.
Philadelphia	13	3	.812
Washington	11	4	.733
Cleveland	13	6	.684
Chicago	13	9	.591
St. Louis	9	12	.429
Boston	7	11	.389
Detroit	6	14	.300
New York	2	15	.118

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Results of Yesterday's Games.

At Boston—Boston 3, Pittsburg 2. Batteries—Purdue and Brown; Hendrix and Kelley.
At New York—New York 8, Cincinnati 6. Batteries—Tosreau, Demaree and Meyers; Suggs, Brown and Clarke.
At Brooklyn—Brooklyn 4, Chicago 3. Batteries—Ragon, Rucker and Miller; Cheney and Archer.
At Philadelphia—St. Louis 3, Philadelphia 1. Batteries—Steele, Harmon and McLean; Brennan, Seaton, Mayer, Killifer and Dooin.

Standing of the Clubs.

	Won.	Lost.	Pct.
Philadelphia	9	5	.643
Chicago	13	8	.619
Brooklyn	11	7	.611
St. Louis	12	8	.600
New York	9	8	.529
Pittsburg	10	10	.500
Boston	5	12	.294
Cincinnati	4	15	.211

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